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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Etsuyoshi KOBORI) Confirmation No.: 4659
Application No.: 09/610,148) Group Art Unit: 2814
Filed: July 5, 2000) Examiner: Anh D. Mai
For: METHOD OF FABRICATING)
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, AND)
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a Restriction Requirement dated January 10, 2003, the Examiner required a restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the claims of Group A (claims 15-17) and Group B (claim 18). Applicant hereby elects Group A (claims 15-17) for examination. Applicant respectfully requests formal examination of this application.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.

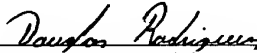
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50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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